



VUSAC Meeting Minutes

Friday, Jan. 17, 2014 at 5:10PM in the Goldring Student Center
MINUTES

In Attendance

VUSAC

CHAIR	Gabriel Zoltan-Johan
PRESIDENT	Jelena Savic
VP EXTERNAL	Zack Medow
VP INTERNAL	Kathleen Walsh
SECRETARY	Enxhi Kondi
FINANCE	Eli Bourassa
CRO	Samantha Parks

COMMUNICATIONS	Jade Huguenin
ARTS & CULTURE	Leah Moncada
SUSTAINABILITY	Kristina Dokoska
EDUCATION & EQUITY	Sienna DiGiuseppe
SCARLET & GOLD	Sebastien Hart
MAL	Ally Scandolo
	Alan McCallum
	Lucinda Qu
	Kate Dotsikas
	Anastasia Langiano

LEVIES

STUDENT PROJECTS	Angela Sun
CAT'S EYE	Lucas
	Sadia Awan

GUESTS

DEAN'S OFFICE REPS	Bergita Petro
WINTERFEST COCHAIRS	Enxhi Kondi
	Anushree Rai
BoR	David Kitai

Official Regrets

COMMUTER	Christine De La Cruz
MAL	Ashley Harripersaad
	Robert Fan

Robert proxies vote to Jade. Ashley proxies report to Jade. Christine proxies vote and report to Kristina.



- *Kristina moves to approve minutes from last meeting. Anastasia seconds. Unanimously approved.*
- *Zack moves to approve agenda. Alan seconds. Unanimously approved.*

EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- *CLC Update – Bergita*
 - Wellness Wednesdays will be starting up again.
 - Donship applications are now available. The applications for commuter and residence dons have been streamlined this year onto one application. All the applications and information is available on the Victoria College website.
 - Ideas for the World; two sessions still have availability.
 - Jade: Can I get the don application information and the poster for the newsletter?
 - Bergita: Yes for sure. Also, just a quick word about orientation co-chair applications; those are due Jan. 27th and are also currently open.

GUEST REPORTS

- *Winterfest Report – Enxhi*
 - Winterfest week went extremely well! We had way more people attending the events than expected, so that was great! This year we're doing something that isn't usually done and that is passing on all our info and documents to next year's co-chairs. When Ash and I were chosen as this year's co-chairs, we received no information or report from previous years, so this year we're making sure to produce a report and pass it off to next year. The same will be happening with the UofT-wide Winterfest committee.
 - In addition, an issue arose this year regarding the VUSAC constitution description and mandate of the Winterfest committee, so we'll also be looking into amending that section of the constitution.
 - Kathleen: Don't forget constitutional amendments have to be passed off through me first.
 - Enxhi: Yes, for sure.
 - Angela: I heard Winterfest was really fun, so congrats!

ASSESSOR MEMBER REPORTS

- *Cat's Eye Update – Sadia*
 - We have started operating for the new semester and we began full-time hours on Monday. We're excited to play host to some great Vic events and programming, especially during the upcoming Olympics.
 - Jade: There was an issue at the last VUSAC meeting that the senior co-manager wasn't present to release the honorariums? Plus they didn't submit the proper



documents. So do we want to wait until next meeting because Katie's not here right now?

- Jelena: The reason at the last meeting wasn't because of attendance of co-managers, it was because there were some missing documents. But now the documents are all here, so we can probably move forward.
 - Eli: What does releasing honorarium mean?
 - Lucas: The honorarium is given out to the manager after each semester.
 - Eli: To release honorarium, do we need to approve that budget line or the budget a whole? Can you shift this discussion to my part? [Yes.]
- *Student Projects Update – Angela*
- Yay, we already have two projects on the stove. There's a new form for this round because there was a lot of confusion with the last form, plus there's now a cheque requisition form for the student projects as well. So now, every receipt must have an accompanying form and they have to be submitted to my mailbox and not to the Dean's Office. We'll have an official meeting date soon and there will also be another town hall but I have to change the date because there is now a conflict with it. The new date will be announced probably at the next VUSAC meeting.
 - Jade: In the past when I've done this type of stuff, cheques have gone through Wanda first.
 - Angela: Yes in the past, but now it has to go through me. Because previously when people went through Wanda, some people wouldn't know about it and the numbers would be off and there was a lot of confusion about what money was actually left in the account. So now give it to me first, and then I will give it to Krista Steeves who is back as Associate Dean and is now the one who deals with Student Projects, so we can both know what money is going out of the account.
 - Jade: Can I have a streamlined list of the money used this year and the amount that's been spent already for the website? So that it's a little more public and accessible?
 - Angela: Yep. It might take a little bit of time though cause I still need to meet with Krista to consolidate the figures. I was going to make a student projects website over the break, but I didn't have internet because of the ice storm so that didn't happen, but it's still in the works.
- *Board of Regents Update – David*
- Proposed changes to student representative structure
 - [See proposal; APPENDIX A]
 - Jade: One; I think there should be a clause that whoever is the chief board rep should be serving on two separate committees; one year, say, campus life, and the other should be different. Two; there should be a clause if the chief board rep has to resign or if they go abroad where they cannot fulfill their obligations. Three; are members who serve a one year term eligible



to return as an elected board member in a second term, but not as the chief board rep?

- David: If they go abroad, we'd do the same thing we'd do if the chief board rep were not re-elected.
- Angel: Have you talked to Samantha Parks about it? Would it affect the CRO role?
- Samantha: We talked about this and in terms of setting up the ballot, it's not more complicated than it already is.
- Sebastien: What's the exact procedure if someone is not re-elected again?
- David: They would serve in a transitional capacity for the summer. So they would prepare stuff for the incoming year. If they are re-elected, they still have to provide the transitional memo over the summer.
- Lucinda: What are the subcommittees that you mentioned?
- David: Campus Life Committee, Alumni Affairs and Advancement, Nominating Appointments and Governance. These committees have a similar membership.
- Lucinda: I think it would be more beneficial for one of the members who belonged to the committee the first year to have the option to remain for the second year.
- David: The two year position were considered, but we don't want to limit the opportunities for students to get involved. And as for people serving on boards, you'll serve on three subcommittees, so you can kind of switch between the different subcommittees.
- Kathleen: What would be the difference between someone choosing to run for chief rep and then deciding after one year that they've had enough.
- David: One hopes that they take their role seriously, and one signs contracts.
- Kathleen: My only concern is that doing something for one year and planning the next year for your life is one thing, but doing something for two years is a very different story.
- David: Yea, we do actually have a mechanism in place for if you do want to back out after one year.
- Jelena: I just want to clarify that the committees we have the biggest issue on in terms of student rep are finance and investments, because the people there are professional finance businessmen and accountants, so it's intimidating and you have a lot of policies that take time to get through the board; it's a very long discussion and consultation process. It takes a lot of time to figure out how they function and who's who because the timeline



of the board is so much longer than ours. So that's why we want to have extended terms on the board.

- Sebastien: So how's this being decided whether it goes through or not?
- David: It'll probably go through the executive meeting first, and then after it'll come back to VUSAC to get approved here.
- Angela: It can be a really intimidating for students who've never had contact with the administration before, so it'll really help if they can stay there multiple years.

- Residence fees were raised
 - They have gone up by CP+2, which is the standard rate.
- New mandate for campus life committee
 - This is for the campus life committee, which has the most student representation, and recently the mandate's been updated.
 - [See APPENDIX B]
 - This has been the most substantive addition to the mandate. For all levies and clubs, this committee ensures that clubs using the Vic name are living up to standards and not damaging. They said they will back up VUSAC if VUSAC needs backup.

– *VCC Update* – Angela

- I went to the academic committee meeting. Updates: they have the ability to just delete courses from the calendar. So some courses were removed because of either no one has taught these courses for a few years or they don't think that profs will want to teach them. Some of these courses are also already duplicated in other faculties. But these aren't permanently gone forever; a prof can still request to teach a particular course.
- Also, we have a Step program on how to take skills that students learn in university and allow that to carry them to the workforce and apply them to real life careers. They're hoping to reach out to departments and colleges to have more skills-based learning in actual courses. They're taking applications for projects, but you have to work with the college itself to propose a project that would fall under the steps mandate.
- Zack: What's happening to semiotics?
- Angela: We haven't discussed it in the academic committees... I can bring it up at the next VCC meeting.
- Zack: Yea, would you just point out that they decided to make that a minor because Danesi said he's retiring but now he's not so...



- David: I know they're planning on ramping up the Material Culture program in place of semiotics.
- *Caffiends* – read by Zack on behalf of the Co-managers
 - Caffiends is welcoming a new semester! Operations have resumed, with the café open since the first week. Noteworthy items
 - New 2013/2014 co-managers are Tara Mactavish and Julie Zhang
 - Improved sanitation and health procedures, following our November health check (which was passed)
 - Introduced new products: new tea flavours, M-Bars, new Giddy Yoyo chocolate bar flavours
- VCAA – read by Zack on behalf of Nirusha
 - Over the next couple weeks we have a few events that were planning. One being rock climbing with the the Vic Commuter Dons at the end of January. We are also starting to plan for the annual athletic banquet as well as planning an event for Sochi 2014.
- *The Strand* – read by Zack on their behalf
 - The EICs just got back from the Canadian University Press conference in Edmonton, and got a lot of great information - plus very positive responses from other papers.
 - Had a critique from Jason Chiu of the Globe and Mail, who liked our work.
 - Are heading into production of our first paper of the term this weekend, to be out on stands next week
 - Looking to get more students interested in writing for us on a regular basis, so will be doing some campaigning/advertising - if anyone is interested, email us at strandeditors@gmail.com!
 - We're wondering if we would be able to put up a permanent poster in the VUSAC office with our contact info, since most students don't know where our office is, but can talk to Kathleen directly.
- *Victoriad* – read by Zack
 - The only thing the Victoriad can report is that we're almost finished production and it is due on January 31st. We're also currently collecting creative submissions from students.
- *Acta* – read by Zack
 - We have just finished printing the first issue of Volume 138, to be officially released January 25; printing was done at Coach House and came in a week early and \$600 under budget; the book features twenty contributors, half of whom are Victoria students/alumni/instructors.
 - Still accepting submissions for the second issue, which will be released in the second week of April.



- In addition to the January and April launch parties, we will host two more informal social events in collaboration w Cat's Eye and Caffiends (one has already taken place, in October).
- VCDS – read by Zack on behalf of Blaire
 - Leah (our CFO) has gone through our finances and we are doing quite well.
 - Our show The House of Bernarda Alba is up this Thursday-Saturday, and is looking amazing. All-female cast, great costumes/set - we encourage everyone to come out and support the cast and crew!
 - Have just cast our show for the drama festival, and all looks in order for that.

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JUDICIARY REPORTS

- *President* – Jelena
 - VCC Update
 - It was really unclear how many student positions were available on the VCC and how that whole thing works, so I met with the awesome Maurine and she said that up to 20% of VCC can be students; that's 18 spots. 7 are elected into specific committees (usually upper years), but then in fall elections, if first years want to get involved, there's a ton of space on that council. So that's super exciting!
 - Alumni Victoria College Committee
 - We talked about the Distinguished Alumni Award; look at record of all of Vic alumni. Winner: Max Yeldin; he basically worked as chief commissioner for human rights of Canada and he did some super impressive stuff. But what we brought up was having a young alumni award with criteria that's more reasonable because there's no way younger alum can compete with the older ones.
 - Another issue that's been present for a while is that we need better interaction with alumni. So if anyone has any ideas of events for interacting with alumni.
 - Zack: Why don't we just host networking events?
 - Jade: I was just going to say the Ideas for the World has added a new stream called 'forging our futures' which brings in alumni to talk to students. Also, the Gardiner invited faculty and fellows this year, and that was really successful. So, I feel like if we did more of this type of programming it'd work well; partnering dean's office projects with student life.
 - Sebastien: I remember when we got to meet some alum in early first year things and I remember a lot of them talked about sports, so if we had some games like alum vs student games.



- David: There's a pilot project going on where we were going to use this newsletter which is put out by the principal and this includes some Vic events and this goes out to alumni to encourage them to go out. Another point is in terms of alum engagement to the Gardiner, they don't necessarily want alum there because they feel it'd be a little much.
- Anastasia: I worked with Samantha Hartlen last year with the alum coordinators and I remember she was saying we focus so much on transitioning students into Vic but not enough on transitioning students out of Vic.
- Bergita: There used to be a program like Life After Vic and students would be invited. That was discontinued because there wasn't enough student interest, so we can definitely get programs like that started again.
- David: Basically a lot of what's been discussed was that AAA doesn't have much engagement with students day-to-day, so one approach that's been raised is to have more AAA and VUSAC joint events so people know about it.
- Angela: Something I've heard Ray mention before was starting up finance workshops for students and it'd be cool if they had these workshops for students who just graduated to help with the transition. But could you ask Alumni Affairs if they have a list-serve or how we can advertise in the Vic Report and if we could advertise our events on the newsletter and stuff?
- Jelena: Yes advertising was definitely something that was brought up. So if you guys have any more ideas or whatever, workshop initiatives, let me know.
- Leah: I tried this year to make the BOB an alum thing and what I'd been planning was to make the final night an alum reception, and I needed alum financial support but they couldn't give it to us at the time. So I feel like in future years that would be a good opportunity to capitalize on.
- Jelena: Also, last year was VUSAC's 100-year anniversary. And we didn't do anything. But anyway, at the Goldring opening I met so many people that used to be on VUSAC, so it'd be really cool to have a dinner with old VUSAC alum.
- Campus Life Committee
 - You get an update from the Dean, bursar, president, and then everyone gets to ask questions. And this is all stuff that specifically effect student life. So basically Gooch's update was to talk about the mandate of CLC. Ray talked about res fee increase and capital plan for res. Capital plan is for items that are over \$500 and extend the life of the building. The money has to do with improving the building. This plan was approved and sent off to the finance committee. What's interesting is how you come about drafting the capital plan. There are a few criteria to determine what kind of projects need to be dealt with.



- David: To give you an illustration. Plan to refurbish MargAd bathrooms had to be pushed back because the Annesley roof was leaking and that money needed to be used for Annesley.
- Jade: What about Stevenson?
- David: That's kind of in limbo.
- Jelena: Also we're taking about just residences, not the rest of the buildings.
- Jelena: Gender-neutral bathrooms upstairs. The question was; we have individual bathrooms upstairs, but what's the point of having these separately without making them gender-neutral? So, turns out the water system is weird and the piping section for Goldring is a little weird, so the water pressure in the upstairs bathroom are very weak and they're susceptible to clogging.
- [See APPENDIX B]
 - E: There have been a lot of issues this year with levies and clubs. Technically VUSAC is responsible for the accountability of these organizations, so it's a lot easier to say that the board is responsible, we see an issue and bring it to the board, and the board tells them to change things. It's kind of a backup for VUSAC. Because it's very hard amongst your peers to say you need to do this or that. This doesn't mean the board is overstepping VUSAC; it's just if a situation arises where we're stuck, we can go to the board.
 - F: VUSAC's finances get monitored by the board and everyone needs to follow certain procedures with money. Again, they're not going to be doing Eli's job for us; it just means we need to give them a report and we can go to them for help.
 - K: The way it works now is that all res presidents are on the board, but very few commuters, so this change is supposed to even out that ratio.
- Jade: When you were talking about how student groups have to be compatible with Vic guidelines, does that mean that there could be an issue where members of VUSAC have to be citizens? Because this says we are going to be in accordance with their governing system.
- Jelena: In terms of citizenship, in the VicU act it says that every member of the board has to be a Canadian citizen, so if the VUSAC President is not a Canadian citizen, they can't sit as a voting member on the board, but that doesn't mean this needs to be brought back to VUSAC.
- Angela: I'm a little uncomfortable with E because while I agree that most of the time the committee will be very reasonable, what if there is a situation where VUSAC disagrees very strongly with the committee, and in that case would they have the right to overrule VUSAC? It's not impossible to conceive of a situation where there are some aspects of the student experience that only those who are currently students can truly



understand. And that leads me to my second problem where I'm uncomfortable that there are more committee members who aren't students so we can't guarantee that students will get the final say.

- Jelena: The thing that gives me confidence in this committee is that it's pretty equal between students and non-students, so that should alleviate that concern.
- Angela: Well I think it should be more students then, because students should have the overall say on money that is supposed to be used for the students by students.
- David: VUSAC doesn't really have any say in this, but the way the board functions is that if there is a large opposition to something, they won't go through with it.
- Angela: I understand that the Committee has a pretty reasonable people on it but we can't guarantee anything that is not in writing. We don't know what may happen in the future. The fact that we are giving them power through this particular wording is the only thing that we know for sure and our only guarantee that it won't ever be used improperly is based on our assumption of the culture of the Committee/Board members. It just doesn't reassure me because the culture of the Committee can change.
- Jelena: Ok, we're going to table this discussion for later.

– *VP Internal* – Kathleen

- Bergita sort of mentioned it already; we are doing orientation co-chair hiring again. We already did a round of this in November, but we got very few applicants and weren't wholly satisfied with the amount of experience. So please encourage anyone who you know would be qualified for this to apply.
- [Passes contracts around.]
- So what's going around right now is a contract that VUSAC members all have to sign. This is about attendance to meetings, protocol during meetings, etc. There's specific criteria that has to be met to count as an official regret: it must be a family emergency – and that means an actual emergency, not an ongoing matter – or a legitimate illness, otherwise an absence will count toward missed meetings.

– *VP External* – Zack

- Sweaters
 - Picking them up today right after this meeting! They've come down to \$19.60 per sweater; they have VUSAC crest on the front, names and positions on the arms. We have only used the \$100 subsidy.
- Roundtable Discussion Jan.31
 - By the AGM, we were mandated to host a big open discussion on the subject of restructuring VUSAC. The event is on Facebook, and unless you really have class, all VUSAC members are expected to be there. Essentially what we're doing is hosting small-group discussions and taking notes from that, and then we'll use those notes. So at each



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individual table there'll be different topics and then people will travel to different tables. We'll put up proposals on the website so people understand what this is about.

FINANCE REPORT – Eli

– *Cat's Eye Budget*

- Alan: The amount for the subcommittee party seems particularly high.
- Lucas: Actually it's less expensive than it's been in past years. But usually we don't end up having a venue fee, so food makes up the majority of the cost. So with 30+ members, it's a pretty large group of people.
- Zack: This is sort of a broad question, but your total cost is just over \$1300; you're spending 55% of your levy on stuff that is just for the subcomm. So can you please justify that?
- Lucas: The honorarium fee has been set by our operating policy, so the manager honorarium is what it is set as, so that's what we put in the budget. And for the rest, it's basically what it is usually. And the events aren't exclusive.
- Kathleen: I'd like to point out that VUSAC members are also mandated a minimum of 2 hours a week, plus meetings, so that averages about 3.5 hours a week. At our Christmas party, we spent 0 on food and 0 on alcohol, so you guys are basically spending \$33 per person on food and alcohol, so I don't understand how you can justify us not doing that, but you guys doing it. And also with the sweaters.
- Lucas: Well first, Cat's Eye subsidizes the entire cost of the sweaters and we always order a specific amount.
- Kathleen: Well I'm asking why Cat's Eye should pay for all of that?
- Lucas: Well it's in our operating policy. All of this stuff is in that policy and it says Cat's Eye has to pay for all of this stuff.
- Kathleen: So does the policy say they have to specifically pay or that they have to host a party?
- Lucas: Host a party, but that's just sort of how it's always been done.
- Angela: I've been here for a while, and I think the reason why the Cat's Eye is especially nice to its subcomm is that they have such early and late hours of operation so initially they wanted incentives for people to volunteer for these later shifts so that they would have enough people to keep the Cat's Eye open for as long as it is. I can't talk about nowadays, but I think that was initially the point. The budget items that you are taking issue with are there because these are traditional incentives that the Cat's Eye was known and expected to provide to thank Subcomm members for volunteering. Cat's Eye Subcommittee members has also volunteer time this year outside of their shifts to help out with Vic events.
- Zack: I'm looking at your operation policy right now and paying for sweaters and parties is not on the op policy.
- Lucas: When I organized the budget, I based it off the past budgets.



- Zack: I've been told that the operating policy under effect is the one that's posted on the website.
- Lucas: I will look into this.
- Jelena: Just to start off, the reason we're bringing these points isn't personal. But basically how do you justify collecting a mandatory fee from some students that don't even use the Cat's Eye. So I wouldn't really use past precedent to justify yourself. Also, you're technically not allowed to spend money until your budget is passed by VUSAC. So you guys have both used a significant amount of money, plus went over budget on sweaters and that was not reported at all. Also, I have questions about line items. What's miscellaneous for \$500?
- Lucas: Well that's for if there's an unexpected occurrence that we need to address immediately. A lot of these things in the budget we just put it in case we need the money, but we don't always use all of the money.
- Jelena: So I would recommend taking that line out totally or specifying. Because if you ever go off budget, you go to budget steering and deal with them about it.

Motion 62: Jelena moves for a straw poll to vote on passing Cat's Eye budget as it stands. Anastasia seconds. 3 abstaining, the rest opposing. Budget does not pass.

– *Quick Update*

- We said originally we'd be \$20,000 over budget. Right now we're about \$8,000 over, so that's good, and I'm fairly confident that we'll bring that number even lower.
- Kathleen: For the highball budget, was it based around the idea of revenue or not?
- Eli: We looked at past years and the smallest revenue, we budgeted with that.

– *Motions*

- Reallocate \$300 from Crescam toward AGM and Open Meetings (because Dean's Office is providing financial support for Crescams)
 - Zack: Just to clarify, we didn't do that just because we have the Dean's Office commitment, but because with the Dean's Office we have way more money than has ever been used for Crescams before.
- Reallocate \$250 from End of Year Party – S&G to Winterfest (because Winterfest went over budget)
- Increase Winterfest budget by \$1650 for including revenue from pub crawl and club night (because we don't want to have those cheques just randomly floating out; this is just to keep track of that money's existence)
 - Zack: Explain what's going on with the Winterfest thing.
 - Enxhi: We didn't actually go over budget; what happened was that Sebastien hadn't allocated enough money to Winterfest, so he reallocated \$250 from the End of Year Party to Winterfest. We just didn't get the chance to get this approved by VUSAC at the last meeting.
 - Zack: Isn't it problematic that it didn't go through budget steering?
 - Sebastien: I see that but Winterfest was part of my budget, so I have them a low budget on purpose, so this was already an issue.
 - Eli: Yea, in future, this should've gone through us, we did have a discussion about that already.



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- Kathleen: So what's happening now with the End of Year Party?
- Sebastien: Well I was going to bring it to council, but I was going to ask because there isn't enough money available, we could have a smaller party.
- Eli: Can we leave discussion of this at the end?
- Vic Chorus budget increase by \$4123.60 (also just to keep track of revenue money).
- Goose increase budget by \$50 because publications went over a bit.
- Hey Teach reallocation of \$150 toward printing more issues.
- Dumbledore's Army Yule Ball increase budget by \$400 (to keep track of money)
- Fencing reallocation of \$455.66 to getting new uniforms.
- Decrease Fashion Show budget by \$1000 because received other funding.

Motion 63: Jade moves to amalgamate the budget changes. Lucinda seconds.

Kathleen pulls out the Winterfest reallocation. Motion passes unanimously.

Winterfest reallocation is tabled to next meeting.

Motion 64: Alan moves to approve the amalgamated budget. Sienna second. Budget changes pass unanimously.

Motion 65: Jelena moves to approve the Cat's Eye budget as it stands. Jade seconds.

Unanimously opposed. Motion does not pass.

Motion 66: Jade moves that council convenes the Budget Steering Committee before the next VUSAC meeting to discuss the Winterfest reallocation and the Cat's Eye budget. Dan seconds.

Motion passes with 5 abstaining.

COMMISSION REPORTS

- *Commuter* – read by Kristina on behalf of Christine
 - Just a quick update on what VOCA has been up to. Last week, we had a very successful Winterfest brunch. It was our first time making waffles and pancakes at the same time, and it worked out well! With that being said, VOCA is planning to do waffles (in conjunction with pancakes) once a month this semester. Our next tentative date for waffles is February 12.
 - Secondly, VOCA also had one of their pizza parties during Winterfest. It was very well attended despite it being on a Friday, and all the pizza was gone within 15-20 minutes! In regards to the other pizza party, I will be meeting with the organizer on Monday to discuss possible times to have it this semester. If you guys have any ideas, let me know! At the moment, my execs were thinking of having a big pizza party at the end of the semester.
 - VOCA is also set to be hosting a movie night next Friday (Jan. 24) in the Cat's Eye from 8-11!
 - ALSO: Has anybody seen the locker binder? It was on the computer desk earlier this week, but when someone came to sign for a locker on Wednesday, it was nowhere to be found. We have about 15 lockers available, since people either never claimed their locker or gave it up to someone else. I'll be sending an email



to Jade to include something in the listserv and on the website. It will be a first come first serve basis this time.

- Last but not least, the first VOCA dinner of the semester is February 6, during International Week! :)

- *Communications* – Jade
 - Website
 - Redesigned the website over the break. The way that information is navigated has changed, so for office hours purposes you need to know where the new placements of links are.
 - Things that are going to be improved on website include things like clubs list and when they meet and who to contact on the website, because the clubs website isn't really updated that often.
 - Photos of VUSAC members, Ashley is working on doing photos for our Sid Smith board, which looks extremely pretty, but we're taking photos at the next meeting.
 - In addition, several individuals have approached me about a blog that's archived in some online form. If people want to write for that or think these are good ideas, talk to me.
 - Semi-annual report
 - I'm waiting for the last one or two submissions from people. They know who they are and they're going to get that to me by the end of the weekend.
 - Listserv
 - I'm looking to take it from an all-text format to adding pictures and making it prettier. So I need to figure that out still.

- *Sustainability* – Kristina
 - The Sustainability committee and other groups on campus have been looking for logos from the logo contest. So from that we've picked the image we're going to use, so we'll be putting that around Vic and using at events to promote our campaign.
 - [something] in collaboration with VOCA. Everyone's invited to come!
 - Also hopefully we'll be having Trayless Tuesdays at the end of each month.
 - Also the environmental levy on campus is asking us to do a workshop with them
 - Lastly, we're collaborating with E&E to do a workshop during aboriginal week.
 - Jade: I think that at the science center trip you guys should see the new IMAX about butterflies, because they're going to go extinct.

- *Arts and Culture* – Leah
 - Gardiner Gala
 - Hugely successful. I would like to thank everyone who helped me out and especially the Dean's office for providing all the support. And also for everyone at VUSAC that attended, that was really great to see.



- Pottery competition
 - Winners were Megan Tangney, Sarah Berger, and Virginia Yini.
 - To everyone who donated prizes, thank you. Just one thing I want to make a note on, in addition to this contract, on office hours, people have to know what's going on event-wise and when someone posts on the Facebook group or sends an email these need to be read and known during office hours. If students come into the office with a question, you should know the answer when it's been posted.
 - Alan: Just an interesting idea with that, it'd be neat if we had a folder on the desk kind of like a note?
 - Lucinda: Or if we could make some sort of electronic compilation, like sticky notes on the desktop or something.
 - Ally: I noticed this today that my Google calendar is completely blank.
 - Jade: I'll look into it. Also, something that Kathleen and I discussed earlier in the term, but there's not a way to put things on all the different users, but during my office hours the first thing I do is log into my account and set it up so my browser has bookmarks to specific pages and its readily accessible, and when students need info, you should have access to the listserv, access to all info that VUSAC's been communicating, etc.
 - Kathleen: These things are all really good ideas but I think this should be discussed outside of meetings, like bring it up to me and Jade and we'll meet to deal with that.
- Vic Variety Show Feb. 27
 - Auditions happened last week. Turnout was small. We're extending auditions because we definitely need more acts. If we don't have enough acts, we may need to cancel the talent show portion of the event. I've contacted all dance clubs at vic, emailed all the past participants, etc. also something the dons do is they have an introductory video and VUSAC to be seen at the variety show.
 - Alan: In terms of the video, we could bring that into the fold of the YouTube video which will start next week.
- Winterlicious
 - Tickets go on sale next week. Max 2 tix per student, absolutely no reservations.
 - Sienna: Are they time-sensitive?
 - Leah: No they're gift certificates to the restaurant; they don't have to use it solely during Winterlicious, but it perfectly covers the cost of that meal during the week of Winterlicious.

Lucinda leaves 7:32pm.

– *Scarlet and Gold* – Sebastien

- Highball first official meeting will be next week. We've made some decisions already; we've picked the location and theme but we can't tell you yet.
- Grad banquet chair is Sarah Berger.



- Last year's end-of-year party wasn't well attended, so I looked at it and was thinking the month of April isn't a good time for parties anyway, and directly before that is Highball (which has been moved a little later than last year), so how do you guys feel about having no end of year party?
- Sienna: I'm just wondering if anyone has any memory of how successful the party was in other years.
- Kathleen: Yea I planned it the last two years and the year before it had an extremely good turnout, but last year the person in charge of advertising didn't do it so no one knew about it.

- *Clubs* – Dan
 - Vic Records
 - Mainly funded by student projects. I found them during exam time. They never really handed in the club recognition form until I told them we'd have to take away their office. They have all sorts of equipment that you can record with.
 - Minds in Math
 - Promotes math for girls. Provides tutoring in math, and are interested in teaching math to high school students. Interesting fact: I pulled out their initial draft that was rejected by VUSAC. They requested \$1000 for their office in Scarborough.
 - Vic Jam
 - Music club; invites anyone to come. They are apparently very responsible in using Cat's Eye equipment, as Cat's Eye manager has informed me.
 - Alan: I know we were talking about concerns with how Vic Records have been operating.
 - Dan: So pretty much they weren't responding, but once I told them that they're using VUSAC equipment and an office, so without VUSAC approval, they can't be using that stuff, they responded.
 - Alan: Wasn't there also a concern about them using their club for personal music?
 - Dan: Well yea they are relatively exclusive in the sense that they don't advertise themselves much but they are open to all students. Still, they've promised to change this and advertise more, but thus far there haven't been any changes reported.
 - Jelena: Minds in Math, there was the issue of how do they recruit tutors and engage with the Vic community?
 - Dan: It's two things; they either tutor Vic students, or they use Vic students to tutor in high school.
 - Jelena: In terms of tutoring Vic students, I'm worried about monitoring qualifications and training because Vic already has trained tutors and such.
 - Eli: I know Minds in Math had some big budget requests for odd things. So approving the club and approving the budget are different things.

Dan moves to amalgamate the three clubs.



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- Sienna pulls out Minds in Math: It seems like they just want us to fund a start-up for their business and I don't think we need to be doing that.
- Alan: I want to pull out Vic Records as well. Also, when did we last hear from Minds in Math?
- Dan: About two months ago.

Motion 67: Dan moves to approve Vic Jam. Jade seconds. Unanimously approved, 1 abstaining.

Motion 68: Dan move to approve Minds in Math. Sienna seconds. Unanimously opposed. 1 abstaining.

Motion 69: Dan moves to approve Vic Records. Zack seconds.

- Jade: I think it's problematic that they've been operating with no accountability as a club. They've been operating with a service like an associate group that isn't a club or a levy, kind of like how Betty and Dash runs. I would say that it kind of makes sense that they haven't requested club status until now because they have worked with Vic individuals. Now that the issue was raised by Dan, they are resolving the issue, which is a good thing.

2 abstain, 2 opposed, motion passes.

– *Education and Equity* – Sienna

- General update
 - International Week is coming up February 3-7. It is a huge collaboration between E&E, VISA, VOCA, WUSC, and VCAA. All events will be located in the Cat's Eye.
 - February 4th - Flag Making workshop 4-6, Panel Discussion 6-7:30
 - February 5th - VOCA Pancakes and International Fair 11-2
 - February 6th - International Night - VOCA Dinner and Open Mic - 6pm
 - February 7th - Sochi Opening Ceremonies starting 10:30 am - \$5.50 lunch (12-1)
 - *free food provided at all events*
 - WUSC fair trade market in the Goldring Atrium, Feb 4-5 11-5, Feb 6, 11-6.
- My Canada Is... Gallery
 - Students are invited to enter creative submissions of any kind into an online gallery hosted by E&E. The theme is Canadian identity, and all entries will be eligible for a draw for a prize pack worth \$50. Entries are due by January 31st to educationandequity@vusac.ca
- Aboriginal Panel Discussion with Sustainability
 - We will be jointly hosting a panel discussion on the effect of tar sands development on Aboriginal communities in mid-February.
- Sebastien: About the Canadian identity thing, I remember last year we did it, so you could use the written material from last year too.
- Jade: I just reviewed the master calendar and just to everyone, review what you put on there and add anything new.



MAL REPORTS

- Ally
 - o I'm working with Leah on the Vic Variety Show.
 - o Anastasia: Do the acts in the Variety Show have to be Vic students?
 - o Leah: Well I mean, I got Mike Chancey because I want Mike Chancey, so I'm not going to turn away any students.
- Anastasia
 - o Commuter Lounge: I spoke with Scott Johnston. What we have right now for the commuter lounge is a couch, a TV, a couple of chairs, and the way the TV works is it has a cord to connect to laptops for video streaming. Christine and I are going to contact Vic Xposure to see if we want to have a contest to get artwork on the walls.
 - o Also, the kitchen is getting a toaster oven and kettle.
- Alan
 - o Canvassing project: We found out there's a bunch of analogous projects working on similar things, so we basically combined all of these projects.
 - Zack: On canvassing, please keep me in the loop on this.
 - Alan: Yes my ambitions on this project were more than I'd expected so not much has happened since then.
 - o Youtube project: This is meant to be a 3-5min bi-weekly video. That officially starts scripting and writing as of this coming week. So that's in progress. Specifically we're also planning to have an intro video.
 - Gabe: Who's doing editing, when is it being filmed, and when is it planning to be released?
 - Alan: Editing will be done in 2-3 days after filming, and I was planning on using iMovie, but if that doesn't work out then we can talk about that. As for the release, it would be the Fridays in between the Friday meetings. My ambition is that these videos can extend and additional videos can be made, but this would be much further.
 - Gabe: And let's say this didn't work out well, would we just abandon that channel entirely?
 - Alan: Well I would hope we would try and find what isn't working and fix it.
 - Anastasia: We haven't planned for the failure of it. We'd work to fix the problem before we abandon it.
 - Kate: Who's going to be speaking in the videos?
 - Anastasia: For the first one, myself, Alan, and Jade would do it, but then in future videos we'd let whoever wants to speak, speak. We want everyone to have equal access to the project.



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- Jade: Just so that Alan doesn't have a lot of responsibility on him, the student project VUSAC computer is a mac, so it'll have iMovie, so everyone has access to that editing too.
- Jelena; I want to stress that this also has to adhere to last year's media policy. So when you're talking at these videos, you need to run it by the judiciary.
- Jade: I think that in accordance with the meeting minutes, the purpose of the updates is to only quote material that's already in the meeting minutes.
- Alan: So yea it'll be a summary of the minutes, and we'll be certain to run it by the judiciary.

Motion 70: Zack moves to adjourn meeting. Leah seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
Meeting is adjourned.



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MOTION SUMMARY

Motion 62: Jelena moves for a straw poll to vote on passing Cat's Eye budget as it stands. Anastasia seconds. 3 abstaining, the rest opposing. Budget does not pass.

Motion 63: Jade moves to amalgamate the budget changes. Lucinda seconds. Kathleen pulls out the Winterfest reallocation. Motion passes unanimously. *Winterfest reallocation is tabled to next meeting.*

Motion 64: Alan moves to approve the amalgamated budget of Motion 63. Sienna second. Budget changes pass unanimously.

Motion 65: Jelena moves to approve the Cat's Eye budget as it stands. Jade seconds. Unanimously opposed. Motion does not pass.

Motion 66: Jade moves that council convenes the Budget Steering Committee before the next VUSAC meeting to discuss the Winterfest reallocation and the Cat's Eye budget. Dan seconds. Motion passes with 5 abstaining.

Motion 67: Dan moves to approve Vic Jam. Jade seconds. Unanimously approved, 1 abstaining.

Motion 68: Dan move to approve Minds in Math. Sienna seconds. Unanimously opposed. 1 abstaining.

Motion 69: Dan moves to approve Vic Records. Zack seconds. 2 abstain, 2 opposed, motion passes.

Motion 70: Zack moves to adjourn meeting. Leah seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting is adjourned.



APPENDIX A: Two-Year Terms for Student Representatives

Proposed Changes to Student Representative Structure on the Victoria University Board of Regents

As mandated by the Victoria University, Act the Victoria University Board of Regents must include 5 student representatives, consisting of the VUSAC president and four elected members of the VCU. Student representation at the Board level has been regularly criticized as disengaged and unfamiliar with the board's workings, thus much of the duty of student representation at this level has fallen to the VUSAC president. The problem stems not from disengagement or lack of interest on the part of the representatives, but the fact that the Board functions on a much longer timeframe than student governance bodies like VUSAC, clubs, or levies. Regular board members usually serve multiple four-year terms while student representatives serve for one year, typically attending only three rounds of meetings before transitioning to an almost entirely new team.

With this in mind, we propose a structural change to student representation at the Board through the creation of a specific position, referred to by the working title of 'Chief Board Representative' who would serve for a two-year term. The student elected to serve as Chief Board Representative would act as a regular Board representative in their first year, and would have the additional responsibility to learn as much as possible about the workings of the Board from the sitting Chief Board Representative (who would be in their second one-year term), in conjunction with the VUSAC President.

After the VUSAC spring elections, the Chief Board Representative, who would be entering their second term, would now serve as the "sitting Chief Board Representative", and would take charge of the transition to a new representative team, providing a coherent transitional memo and acting as an accessible resource to the incoming representatives. They would be required to organize all transitional materials and informational sessions, to ensure a degree of continuity between student representatives. Additionally, they would serve as the VUSAC liaison to the Board, in conjunction with the VUSAC President, and would become an Assessor Member to VUSAC, responsible for carrying out the responsibilities of the Student Coordinator, as detailed in By-Law #12 of the VUSAC Constitution. It is our opinion that the position of chief board rep would provide a degree of institutional memory sorely lacking in existing student representation at the board.

Electoral Changes

The Chief Board Representative would be elected separately from the three other student representatives, and must have at least two years remaining in their degree at the time of running for the position. In the first year after instituting this policy, Board elections would consist of two ballot items: One for single-year representatives where students could pick their top three choices, another for the Chief Board Representative, where students could pick a single candidate to serve a two-year term on the Board.



After the first year of this policy, Board elections would consist of three ballot items: a “Yes” or “No” referendum for keeping the elected Chief Board Representative in their position, the second being the election of a new Chief Board Representative for a two-year term, and the third being the election of two regular one-year Board representatives. If a plurality of Vic students vote no on the Yes or No referendum then that chief rep would serve in a transitional capacity solely for the summer, to fill the vacancy in the board the 4th place candidate for board rep in the spring elections would serve on the board as a one-year rep. Overall, two students would be serving two-year terms (the “sitting Chief Board Representative” and the newly-elected Chief Board Representative), and two students would be serving regular, one-year terms as Board Representatives (although they would also have the option to run in Board elections again, and effectively pursue multi-year terms without being the Chief Board Representative, as has been the case with a number of student representatives on the Board to date).

Schedule of Elections:

2014 Spring Election: 4 Board of Regents Representatives Chosen
3 Board of Regents Student Representatives (one-year term)
1 Chief Board Representative (two-year term – responsible for orientation of Board members)

2015 Spring Election: 3 New Board of Regents Representatives Chosen
Referendum on Sitting Chief Board Representative (Yes / No to retain position for one more year – responsible for orientation of Board members)
1 New Chief Board Representative (two-year term)
2 Board of Regents Student Representatives (one-year term)

2015-2016: Sitting Chief Board Representative serves in a transitional capacity, passing institutional memory to newly-elected Chief Board Representative, running orientation events, and serving as the VUSAC liaison to the Board.

2016 Spring Election: 3 New Board of Regents Representatives Chosen
Previous Chief Board Representative term is over; Chief Board Representative elected in 2015 becomes “Sitting Chief Board Representative”
Referendum on Sitting Chief Board Representative (Yes / No to retain position for one more year – responsible for orientation of Board members)
1 New Chief Board Representative (two-year term)
2 Board of Regents Student Representatives (one-year term)



APPENDIX B: [UNOFFICIAL]
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**MANDATE OF THE
CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

1. Purpose of the Committee

This committee shall be responsible for all financial and policy matters associated with student life on campus. It will make recommendations to the Board of Regents for approval of academic fees for Emmanuel College programs, and fees and charges associated with residences and meal plans, as well as other non-academic and student activity fees and levies charged to students by Victoria University. It will recommend to the Board approval of capital repair and renovation budgets to residence buildings and student spaces. It will also discuss and approve or recommend approval of non-academic policies and procedures that affect student life such as student discipline; the residence handbook; and the Victoria University handbook for student groups. It will recognize and provide ultimate oversight on behalf of the Board of Regents all student societies and clubs that are associated with Victoria University, Victoria College or Emmanuel College.

2. Authority

The Committee is established pursuant to By-Law Number One.

3. Membership

The membership of the Committee shall include:

- (a) the President of Victoria University
- (b) the VUSAC President
- (c) the ECSS President
- (d) the Dean of Students, who shall serve as Secretary
- (e) the Principal of Victoria College
- (f) the Principal of Emmanuel College
- (g) the Bursar
- (h) the Registrar
- (i) two members of the Board who are not faculty members or students
- (j) a faculty member



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- (k) six students, at least one a member of the Board; three of whom shall be commuter students and three of whom shall be chosen from among residence presidents

4. Responsibilities

- a) Under approved protocols, to review and recommend approval of residence and meal plan fees annually; to review and recommend approval of non-academic fees and levies charged to students.
- b) to review and recommend academic fees under the authority of the Board of Regents, in particular, for students in Emmanuel College programs.
- c) to review and recommend approval of policies and procedures that affect student life at or associated with Victoria University including safety, security and risk management issues.
- d) to provide input and recommend changes to ancillary operations regarding business and administrative services that affect student life.
- e) to ensure that the governance of Victoria student groups is compatible with the Victoria University governance system. The committee will have ultimate responsibility for student societies, clubs and groups that use the name or resources of Victoria University or one of its Colleges. It will provide oversight on issues of accountability, liability and reputation.
- f) to oversee the accounting structures and processes of student groups within Victoria University to ensure accountability of student controlled funds.
- g) to consider other matters as they arise pertaining to decisions that affect the economic and policy dimensions of student life.
- h) to set up sub-committees and special task forces that may be required for specific tasks and projects.

5. Meetings of the Committee

The Committee shall meet with such frequency and at such intervals as it shall determine is necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities.

Approved by the Board of Regents - - - 2014